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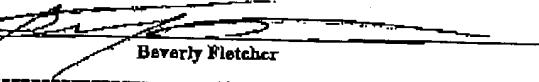
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| Title:       | <b>SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR SECURING RF TRANSACTIONS<br/>USING A RADIO FREQUENCY IDENTIFICATION DEVICE<br/>INCLUDING A RANDOM NUMBER GENERATOR</b> |                   |                   |

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